

**U.S. District Court**  
**United States District Court for the Western District of Washington (Seattle)**  
**CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 2:18-cv-00496-JCC**

Nikaj et al v. United States Department of State  
Assigned to: U.S. District Judge John C Coughenour  
Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 04/04/2018  
Jury Demand: None  
Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of Information Act  
Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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<b>Date Filed</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Docket Text</b>
04/04/2018	<a href="#">1</a>	SUMMONS against defendant(s) United States Department of State. (Receipt # 0981-5267309), filed by Silvana NIKAJ. (Attachments: # <a href="#">1</a> Civil Cover Sheet)(Marchi, Nicholas). Modified on 4/5/2018 (DJ). (Entered: 04/04/2018)
04/04/2018	<a href="#">2</a>	COMPLAINT PRAECIPE to attach document (Complaint) re <a href="#">1</a> Complaint by Plaintiff Silvana NIKAJ (Marchi, Nicholas) Modified on 7/19/2018 to edit docket text to reflect pleading (TH). (Entered: 04/04/2018)
04/05/2018		<b>NOTICE to Filer: DOCUMENTS NOT ATTACHED TO COMPLAINT:</b> In the future, please remember the Civil Cover Sheet, the Exhibits and all Summons(es) should be attachments to your Complaint. Thank you. (DJ) (Entered: 04/05/2018)
04/05/2018		U.S. District Judge John C. Coughenour added. (DJ) (Entered: 04/05/2018)
04/05/2018		<b>NOTICE to Filer: SUMMONS FORM INCOMPLETE:</b> Summons cannot be issued because there is no address listed in the block for counsel and the defendant's name and address block is left blank. Please post your corrected summons using the event "Praecipe For a Summons " found under "Other Documents." All summons(es) should be posted under this one event. Because of the numerous errors in this case, in the future before opening a new case, please refer to the Attorneys' Guide to Opening a Civil Case found on the court's website at wawd.uscourts.gov before starting the process. Thank you. (DJ) (Entered: 04/05/2018)

04/08/2018	<a href="#">3</a>	PRAECIPE TO ISSUE SUMMONS re Notice-Other,, by Plaintiff Carney & Marchi, P.S. (Marchi, Nicholas) (Entered: 04/08/2018)
04/09/2018	<a href="#">4</a>	Summons Electronically Issued as to defendant United States Department of State. (TH) (Entered: 04/09/2018)
07/19/2018	<a href="#">5</a>	MINUTE ORDER to Show Cause. Plaintiffs are ORDERED to show cause why this case should not be dismissed for want of prosecution. Plaintiffs' response is due within fourteen (14) days of this order. Authorized by U.S. District Judge John C Coughenour. (TH) (Entered: 07/19/2018)
07/31/2018	<a href="#">6</a>	ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF SERVICE of summons and complaint by Plaintiff Silvana Nikaj on 5/29/2018 (Attachments: # <a href="#">1</a> Exhibit)(Marchi, Nicholas) (Entered: 07/31/2018)
07/31/2018	<a href="#">7</a>	RESPONSE TO ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE by Plaintiff Silvana Nikaj (Marchi, Nicholas) (Entered: 07/31/2018)
10/04/2018	<a href="#">8</a>	NOTICE of Appearance by attorney Michelle R. Lambert on behalf of Defendant United States Department of State. (Lambert, Michelle) (Entered: 10/04/2018)
10/04/2018	<a href="#">9</a>	ANSWER to <a href="#">1</a> Complaint by United States Department of State.(Lambert, Michelle) (Entered: 10/04/2018)
10/24/2018	<a href="#">10</a>	ORDER REGARDING DISCOVERY AND DEPOSITIONS by U.S. District Judge John C. Coughenour. (PP) (Entered: 10/24/2018)
10/24/2018	<a href="#">11</a>	<p>MINUTE ENTRY re: STATUS CONFERENCE.</p> <p>The attorney who will be responsible for trying the case, or that attorney's representative, should attend the conference and be prepared to discuss the following matters at the conference: <b>1.</b> An estimate of the number of days needed for trial; <b>2.</b> The date by which the case will be ready for trial; <b>3.</b> Whether the parties intend to mediate per LCR 39.1 and, if so, when the parties expect to complete mediation; If counsel's office is outside of the Greater Metropolitan Seattle area, local counsel should attend on behalf of non-local counsel. If local counsel is unavailable, non-local counsel may make arrangements to participate telephonically in the conference by contacting the Courtroom Deputy Clerk at <b>Paul_Pierson@wawd.uscourts.gov</b> at least TEN (10) DAYS in advance of the proceeding. Counsel do NOT need to file a Joint Status Report or Rule 26(f) Report in advance of the Status Conference. Counsel should plan on arriving 10-15 minutes early to check in with the Courtroom Deputy Clerk as the Court's calendar begins promptly at 9:00 a.m. COUNSEL OR THE PRO SE PARTY WHO FILED THIS MATTER SHALL IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY ALL PARTIES OF THE DATE AND TIME OF THE SCHEDULED STATUS CONFERENCE.</p> <p><b>A Status Conference is ordered set for 11/13/2018 at 9:00 AM</b> in Courtroom 16206 before U.S. District Judge John C. Coughenour. (PP) (Entered: 10/24/2018)</p>
11/02/2018	<a href="#">12</a>	STIPULATION AND PROPOSED ORDER <i>re schedule</i> by parties (Attachments: # <a href="#">1</a> Proposed Order) (Lambert, Michelle) (Entered: 11/02/2018)
11/06/2018	<a href="#">13</a>	MINUTE ORDER re parties' <a href="#">12</a> Stipulation and Order <i>re schedule</i> . The Clerk is directed to VACATE the status conference, currently set for November 13, 2018. Defendant's dispositive motion is due by 1/11/2019; Plaintiffs' response and cross-motion is due by 2/8/2019; Defendants' reply and response to cross-motion is due by 3/1/2019; Plaintiffs' reply in support of its cross-motion is due by 3/22/2019. Authorized by U.S. District Judge John C Coughenour. (TH) (Entered: 11/06/2018)
12/26/2018	<a href="#">14</a>	MOTION to Stay re <a href="#">13</a> Minute Order,,, Terminate Deadlines and Hearings,,, Set Deadlines,, <i>Briefing Schedule</i> , filed by Defendant United States Department of State. (Attachments: # <a href="#">1</a> Proposed Order) Noting Date 1/4/2019, (Lambert, Michelle) (Entered: 12/26/2018)
01/03/2019	<a href="#">15</a>	MINUTE ORDER granting Defendant's unopposed <a href="#">14</a> Motion to stay the briefing schedule. The briefing schedule is STAYED until appropriations have been restored to Defendant. The briefing schedule shall be EXTENDED by the number of days equal to the duration of the lapse of appropriations. Authorized by U.S. District Judge John C Coughenour. (PM) (Entered: 01/03/2019)
01/31/2019	<a href="#">16</a>	NOTICE of Appropriations Received and PO <i>re resetting deadline</i> ; filed by Defendant United States Department of State. (Lambert, Michelle) (Entered: 01/31/2019)

02/01/2019	<a href="#">17</a>	MINUTE ORDER re Defendant's <a href="#">16</a> Notice of Appropriations Received and Order re resetting deadline. The stay in this case is LIFTED. The current briefing schedule (Dkt. No. <a href="#">13</a> ) is EXTENDED to the following dates: Dispositive motions due by 2/15/2019, Response and Cross-Motion due by 3/15/2019, Reply in Support of Dispositive Motion and Response to Cross-Motion due by 4/10/2019, Reply in support of Cross-Motion due by 5/6/2019. Authorized by U.S. District Judge John C Coughenour. (TH) (Entered: 02/01/2019)
02/15/2019	<a href="#">18</a>	MOTION for Summary Judgment , filed by Defendant United States Department of State. (Attachments: # <a href="#">1</a> Proposed Order) Noting Date 5/6/2019, (Lambert, Michelle) (Entered: 02/15/2019)
02/15/2019	<a href="#">19</a>	DECLARATION of Stein filed by Defendant United States Department of State re <a href="#">18</a> MOTION for Summary Judgment (Attachments: # <a href="#">1</a> Exhibit, # <a href="#">2</a> Exhibit, # <a href="#">3</a> Exhibit, # <a href="#">4</a> Exhibit, # <a href="#">5</a> Exhibit, # <a href="#">6</a> Exhibit, # <a href="#">7</a> Exhibit, # <a href="#">8</a> Exhibit, # <a href="#">9</a> Exhibit, # <a href="#">10</a> Exhibit, # <a href="#">11</a> Exhibit, # <a href="#">12</a> Exhibit, # <a href="#">13</a> Exhibit, # <a href="#">14</a> Exhibit)(Lambert, Michelle) (Entered: 02/15/2019)
03/15/2019	<a href="#">20</a>	CROSS-MOTION AND RESPONSE re <a href="#">18</a> MOTION for Summary Judgment ., filed by Plaintiff Silvana Nikaj. Noting Date 5/6/2019, (Marchi, Nicholas) (Entered: 03/15/2019)
04/10/2019	<a href="#">21</a>	REPLY, filed by Defendant US Department of State, TO RESPONSE to <a href="#">18</a> MOTION for Summary Judgment , <a href="#">20</a> CROSS-MOTION AND RESPONSE re <a href="#">18</a> MOTION for Summary Judgment . (Lambert, Michelle) (Entered: 04/10/2019)